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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 9 and 13 by the Examiner is further noted and appreciated.

Claims 1,3-9,13 and 17-20 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1 and 3-8 stand rejected.

Claims 17-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Objections to Claims

Claims 4 and 8 are objected to for being improper dependent form.

Claims 4 and 8 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1,2,5 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin '773. It is contended that the elastomer layer functions the same as the present invention particle-adherent layer.

Claims 1,2,5 and 6 have been cancelled and withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horton '916.

Claims 1 and 3-8 have been cancelled and withdrawn from consideration.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully solicited the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 9 and 13 from the


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Examiner. Such favorable action by the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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